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Analysis of recent aerial photography reveals increasing North Vietnamese efforts to move large quantities of supplies southward to supplement the buildup in the eastern portion of the DMZ. This supply effort is being accomplished partly through constructing and utilizing a series of newly identified road and water transshipment areas and partly by increasing the level of vehicular activity farther south in the DMZ. The absence of extensive camouflage and the identification of open storage areas along supply routes indicate a need for rapid supply movement. The new transshipment areas are identified along the coast and inland waterways extending southeast from Dong Hoi, North Vietnam, generally paralleling Routes 1A and 101 into the DMZ.

The supplies appear to be shuttled by truck and sampan from the north into the transshipment areas near Dong Hoi, where they are loaded onto trucks, small sampans, or pirogues (Figure 1) for further movement south. Trucks transport the supplies generally along Routes 1A, 101, 1931, 193, 103, and 102 (see map, page 3) into heavily concealed storage areas in the DMZ. Sampans and pirogues shuttle along the coast, down the Kien Giang, Dia Giang, and Cau Ngo Giang (rivers) and their numerous tributaries to the transshipment areas. Supplies are moved southward from transshipment points in the DMZ utilizing trucks, where possible, as well as personnel.

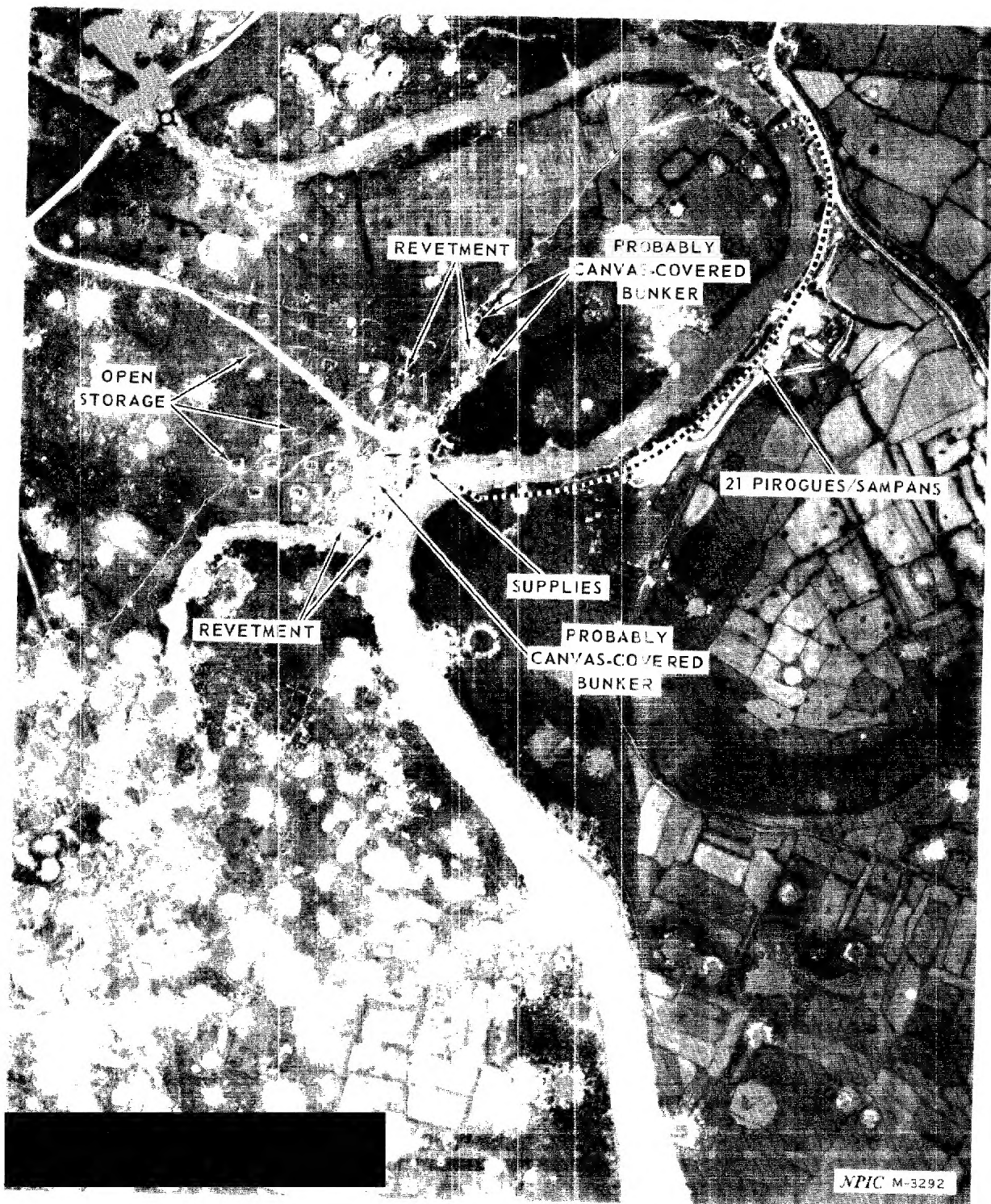
At least seven of the newly identified transshipment areas have been observed.* Their construction patterns are similar, generally consisting of one to three small storage buildings, numerous storage bunkers and revetments, and up to 17 open storage areas, some partially camouflaged (Figure 2). Attempts have been made to camouflage all primary service roads to these areas. Moles have been constructed at the road-to-water transshipment areas to facilitate loading the pirogues. In contrast to the open storage, several stacks of supplies were placed in specially constructed bunkers or in bomb craters (Figure 3), indicating these supplies could be explosives, possibly ammunition.

The movement of supplies into the eastern DMZ supplements the activity in the western DMZ and Khe Sanh as reported in NPIC/R-57/68 and the increased vehicular activity in the Mu Gia Pass area (NPIC/R-62/68) serving the western DMZ and areas farther south.

*NPIC Cable Cite 3529, DTG 200125Z, Apr 68, Ser. FO0715;
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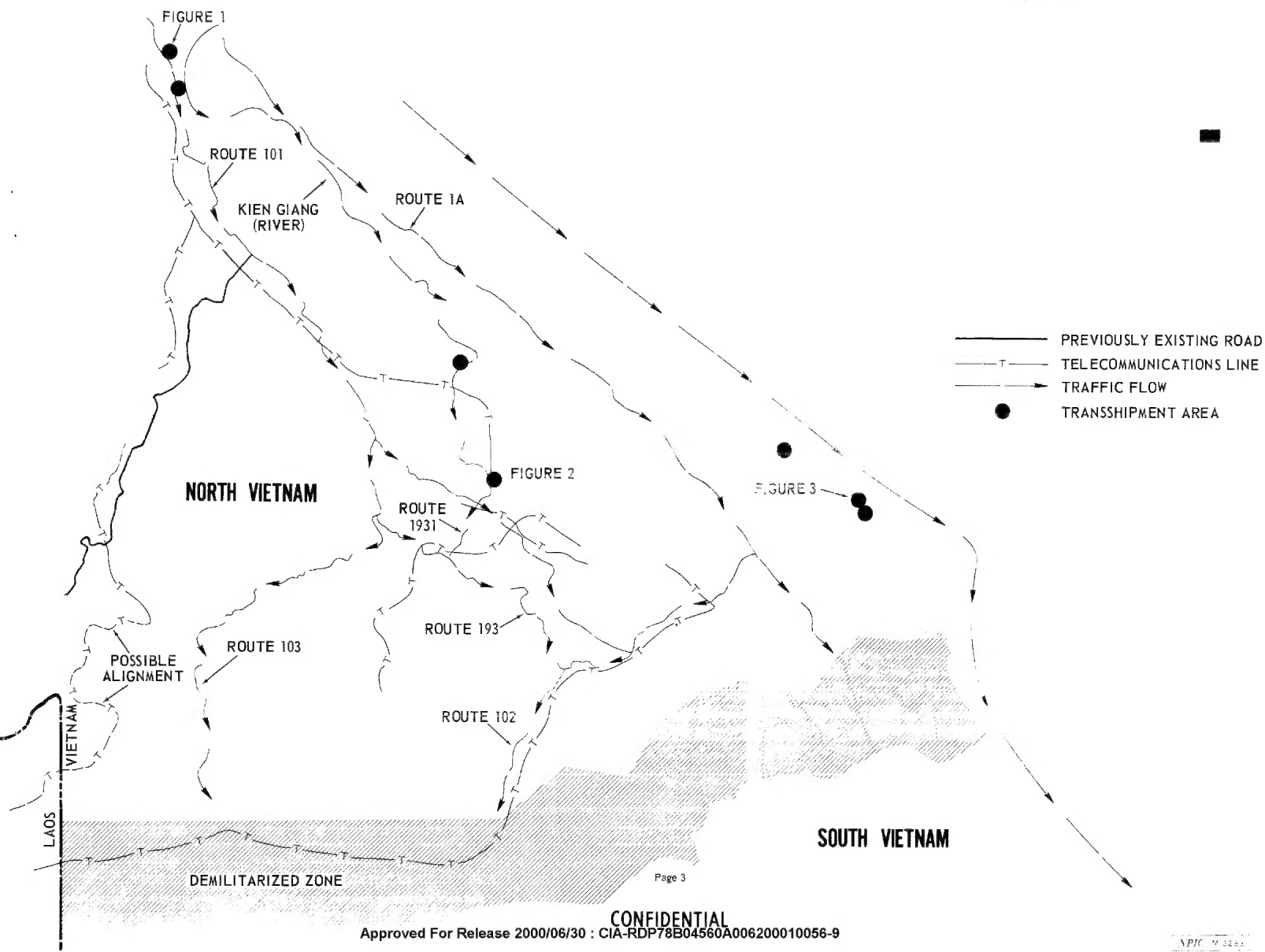
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FIGURE 1. VINH TUY TRANSHIPMENT AREA, NORTH VIETNAM

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FIGURE 2. CO LIEU PHONG TRANSHIPMENT AREA, NORTH VIETNAM.

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FIGURE 3. XOM LANG TRANSSHIPMENT AREA, NORTH VIETNAM

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